MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ലെന്നാണ് മറുപടിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞത്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): അതിൽ കൃഷിചെയ്യ് ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചുവരുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു വിവരത്തിലേക്കായിട്ടുള്ള കൃത്യകഥം നടത്തീട്ടുള്ളതായി ഗവർണ്മെന്റിനു അറിയാമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല. എന്നു പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ആ പ്രവൃത്തി ശനസ്ഥലത്തു ഉപ്പു കൃഷിചെയ്യുവരുന്നതിനെന്നോ? ഗവർണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും അന്വേഷിക്കുമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is clear that it is not cultivated.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): I am not satisfied with the answer. So I put the question again and again.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I plaint notice. If necessary, it will be enquired into.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ഇപ്പോൾ നടത്തുന്ന അന്വേഷണത്തിൽ കിട്ടുന്ന വിവരത്തെ ഗവർണ്മെന്റിനു മെയുണ്ടായി അറിയിക്കുമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, if the member wants it.

Loss of Salt prior to 1098.

188. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there has been any loss in the Tamaracolam Salt Factoly similar to those sustained during the years of Vrischikam 1098 and Tulam 1101, in any of the previous years?

(*b*) If so, in which years?

(*c*) What was the quantity of salt lost on each of those occasions?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*c*) Government are not aware of any such loss in the Tamaracolam Salt Factory before 1098.

Salt Factories.

189. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the salt factories that come under (1) the Monopoly System (2) the Excise System and (3) the Modified Excise System, in South Travancore?

(*b*) When was each of these systems introduced?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state the peculiarities and differences of each system?

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(*d*) How do the Government meet the expenditure under *maramath* works, establishments and contingencies in the factories that come under each system ?

(*e*) What are the rates of *kudivaram* granted to licensees of the factories under each system ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (1)

(i) Tamaracolam Old Allom,
(ii) Rajakkamangalam, and
(iii) Colachel.

(2) *Nil.*

(3) (i) Puttallom,
(ii) Avadhanial's Factory (Extension No. I),
(iii) Cape Comorin General Traffic Co's Factory (Extension No. II),
(iv) Sri Mula Gopalanathan allom,
(v) Sri Mula Krishnamani allom,
(vi) Sri Sankara allom,
(vii) Dr. Sankaramurti Pillai's allom,
(viii) Swami allom,
(ix) Kumari allom, and
(x) Variyur Factory.

(*b*) The Monopoly System came into force from 988 M. E. The Modified Excise system came into force from 1097 M. E.

(*c*) and (*d*) The information is available in the Salt Regulation, III of 1088, and the Rules passed thereunder.

(*e*) The *kudivaram* paid to the licensees of each factory is given below:—

Monopoly factories	...	$12\frac{1}{2}$ chackrams per maund.
Puttallom	...	$3\frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund.
Avadhanial's factory	...	$2\frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund.
All the other factories	...	$2\frac{3}{4}$ annas per maund.

The Modified Excise System, its evils.

190. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, since the introduction of the Modified Excise System, only the rich are in a position to manufacture salt and not people of ordinary means ?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that some of the provisions of the Modified Excise System have contributed towards the poor production of salt in the Tamaracolam Factory ?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the existence of the Monopoly System and the Modified Excise System, side by side in the same factory, will cause various grievances to the salt licensees under the Monopoly System ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(*c*) There is no salt factory where both the Monopoly System and the Modified Excise System are combined. Each factory is working under the one or the other system of salt manufacture.

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